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HONGKONG, TUESDAY, MARCH 18th, 1884.

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年

PRICE 2/- PER MONTH

## SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.  
March 17, PING-ON, British str., 574, A. A. McCullin, Pathé 13th March, and  
Hathaway 14th, General.—REED & Co.,  
March 17, MALWA, British str., 1,697, A. C. Lupton, Shanghai 13th March, Mail  
and General.—P. & O. S. N. Co.,  
March 17, KIWA, British steamer, 1,419, P. Hines, Yokohama 8th March, Mail  
and General.—P. & O. S. N. Co.,  
March 17, PING-ON KIAO, British str.,  
1,011, Henry Stratton, Bangkok 11th  
March, Mail and General.—YUEN PAT  
HONG.

CLEARANCES.  
AT THE HARBOURMASTER'S OFFICE.  
MARCH 17TH.  
Actio, Danish str., for Hiphong.  
Wingsang, British str., for Shanghai.  
Benedict, British str., for Siacon.  
C. H. Kian, British str., for Swatow.  
Thales, British str., for Swatow.

DEPARTURES.  
March 17, SIXS, British str., for Amoy.  
March 17, CHENG H. KIAN, British str.,  
for Swatow.

PASSENGERS.  
ARRIVED.

Per PING-ON, str., from Pakhoi and Hoitow,  
30 Chinese.

Per KIAO, str., from Yokohama.—Rev. H. W. Lee, Mr. and Mrs. James, 2 children and 2  
servants, Mr. and Mrs. Hobart and servant,  
Mr. and Mrs. Wieland, Mr. and Mrs. Blisset,  
Miss Vincent and Murray, Messrs. Whittle,  
Berger, Mr. and Mrs. Wilson, Morwin, and George  
Mac Clellan, 4 children and 2 servants.

Per MING, str., from Shanghai.—For Hong-  
kong.—Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Hart, infant and smash,  
Mr. Railton, and 52 Chinese, deck, for Bom-  
bay.—Messrs. S. C. Khan, and E. M. Mea-  
sor.—Messrs. Mr. W. Yeoman, For London.—  
Mr. and Mrs. D. Braul, 5 children, nurse and  
maids, Mr. and Mrs. E. (Mrs. 6 children and  
maids, Mr. A. J. Merton, Monrovia.

Per PING-ON KIAO, str., from Bangkok,  
23 Chinese.

DEPART.

Per P. & O. str. MOLINE.—From Hongkong.—  
For Singapore.—Mr. Macleod, For Penang.—  
Rev. H. F. Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. Brown and  
family, and Mr. Chan Wyo, For Marseilles.—  
Messrs. H. H. Ralph and Bob, For Manila.—  
Misses. L. Hindson and Bernardino  
Meranda.

Per KIAO, str., for Yokohama.—Dr. Cottell,  
A.M.D.

DEPARTED.

For Thomas, str., for Shanghai.—Mr. and Mrs.  
Baldwin, Messrs. S. Marsh, J. C. May, G. Lin-  
gard, Harland, and Leslie.

REPORTS.

The British steamer PING-ON reports left Pak-  
hoi on the 13th inst., arrived at Hoitow on the  
14th, left again on the 15th; the tide weather and  
light S.E. breeze to Hoitow. From thence to  
N.E. wind and then to port.

The British steamer PING-ON KIAO, which  
arrived here yesterday, reports that she left Hong-  
kong on the 11th inst., had light Easterly winds  
and fine weather throughout. At 9 p.m., 11th  
inst., passed west str. *Rajahmundry* totally  
fogged, and a sunken rock midway between S. end of  
Feldi and W. end of Wild Rock. Crew and pas-  
senger, all saved, taken to Hoitow by Hongkong  
str. *Denmark* and *China Cleopatra*. On Hongkong  
and adjacent Islands done to.

VESSELS ARRIVED IN EUROPE FROM PORTS  
IN CHINA, JAPAN, AND MANILA.

(For last Mail's Advice).

Medusa (a) .... Hongkong .... Jan. 28

Flintshire (a) .... Yokohama .... Jan. 28

VESSELS EXPECTED AT HONGKONG  
(Corrected to Date).

Aura ..... Oct. 16

Anna ..... Penang ..... Oct. 16

Figaro ..... Penang ..... Oct. 16

Emilia ..... Hamburg ..... Nov. 16

Madina ..... Cardiff ..... Nov. 26

Medea ..... Cardiff ..... Nov. 30

Levi C. Wade ..... Cardiff ..... Nov. 30

Heinrich ..... Cardiff ..... Dec. 1

Elsa ..... Cardiff ..... Dec. 3

Homeward ..... 1/2000 via Cardiff ..... Dec. 5

Asia (a) ..... Cardiff ..... Dec. 14

George ..... Cardiff ..... Dec. 14

Siria (a) ..... Cardiff ..... Dec. 29

Andrew Jackson ..... Cardiff ..... Dec. 29

Marlin ..... Cardiff ..... Dec. 30

Kaisow ..... Cardiff ..... Dec. 30

Forest King ..... Penang ..... Jan. 1

Jupiter ..... Liverpool ..... Jan. 1

Albion ..... Cardiff ..... Jan. 1

Leone ..... Cardiff ..... Jan. 15

Cardiganshire (a) ..... Hamburg via London ..... Jan. 20

Chrysanth (a) ..... Antwerp ..... Jan. 20

Claymore (a) ..... London ..... Jan. 30

Loja (a) ..... London ..... Jan. 30

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Valparaiso, Japan, China, New Zealand, the  
Australian Colonies, the Eastern States, and  
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lished on the Pacific Coast are kept constantly  
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orized to receive Advertisements.

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EDWARD GEORGE

31st January, 1884. (253)

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## THE CHRONICLE &amp; DIRECTORY

FOR 1884.

With which is incorporated

## THE CHIN. DIRECTORY.

(TWENTY-SECOND ANNUAL ISSUE)

ROYAL OCTAVO. PP. 1680.—\$3.00.

SMALL EDITION, PP. 684.—\$3.00.

## THE CHRONICLE AND DIRECTORY

has been thoroughly revised and brought up

to date, and is again in increased in size.

It contains DESCRIPTIVE and STATISTICAL

ACCOUNTS of, and DIRECTORYS for

HONGKONG.—JAPAN.—

Do. Ladies' Directory Nagasaki.

Do. Military Forces, Kobo (Nagoya).

Do. Chinese-Hongkong, Osaka.

MACAO.—Tokio.

CHINA.—Yokohama.

Pekin.

Hankow.

Wuchow.

Ningpo.

Shanghai.

Chinkiang.

Wuha.

Kukking.

Hankow.

Kwang.

Chingking.

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Takao.

Tientsin.

Peking.

Nankowang.

CORSA.—Soul.

Takao.

Pekin.

Yensiens.

## YALAVIOTOC.

NAVAL SQUADRONS

United States.

French.

SHIPPI.—Officers of the Coastal Steamers of

P. &amp; O. S. N. Co.

China &amp; Manilla.

Messer. Maritiem.

U. S. M. S. S. Co.

I. C. &amp; M. S. S. Co.

Iude-China S. N. Co.

Scotish Oriental.

Douglas S. S. Co.

Miscellaneous Coast.

China Merchants' Steamers.

THE LIST OF RESIDENTS now contains

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SEVENH THOUSAND, TWO HUNDRED, AND

SEVENY THREE FOREIGNERS

arranged under one Alphabet in the strictest

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being alphabetical.

THE MAPS and PLANS have again been

increased in number. They now consist of

MAPS OF MERCANTILE HOMES IN CHINA

CODE OF SIGNALS IN USE AT VICTORIA PEAK.

NEW MAP OF THE FAR EAST.

MAP OF THE ISLAND OF HONGKONG.

PLAN OF THE CITY OF VICTORIA.

PLAN OF THE CITY OF CANTON.

PLAN OF FOREIGN CONCESSIONS, SHANGHAI.

PLAN OF TAKAO.

MAP OF TOWN AND ENVIRONS OF SINGAPORE.

Among the other contents of the book are—

An Anglo-Chinese Calendar, a Mountain of Sun-

rise and Moon, Eclipse, Festivals, &amp;c., &amp;c.

A Map of the River and Canal Events, &amp;c.

A description of the Festivals, Fairs, &amp;c., observed by Chinese, Mahomedans, Parsees, Jews, &amp;c., with the days on which they fall.

Comparative Tables of Money, Weights, Mea-

sures, &amp;c.

The Hongkong Postal Guide for 1884.

Arrivals and Departures of Mail at and from

the Post Office.

Scales of Commission and Charges adopted by the Chambers of Commerce of Hongkong, Shanghai and elsewhere.

Hongkong Chair, Amricicks, and Brad Hirs.

THE APPENDIX consists of

Some Hundred Pages

of closely printed matter, to which reference is

constantly required by residents and those

having commercial or political relations with

China, Japan, or any of the Countries embraced

within the scope of the CHRONICLE and

DIRECTORY.

The Contents of the Appendix are too many

to enumerate in the Advertisement, but include—

TREATIES WITH CHINA.—Great Britain, 1812.

Treaties, 1815.—

" and all others not annotated.

France, Tientsin, 1851.

Convention, 1860.

United States, Tientsin, 1858.

Additional, 1859.

Germany, Tientsin, 1861.

Treaty, 1859.

Russia, various.

Japan.

Spain.

Brazil.

Port.

TREATIES WITH JAPAN.—Great Britain.

U.S. States.

Netherlands.

Cores.

TREATIES WITH COREA.

TREATIES WITH SIAM.

TREATIES WITH ANNAM.

TREATY WITH CAMBODIA.

CUSTOMS TARIFFS.

Chines.

Indonesia.

Siam.

Customs Services, China.

Customs and Harbour Regulations for the dif-

ferent parts of China, Philippines, Siam, &amp;c.

Pilots Regulations.

Charter of the Colony.

Rules of Legislative Council.

&amp;c.

The Treaties between United States and

France, France and Annam, and several other

items have not appeared in previous issues.

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Daily Press Office, 26th January, 1884.

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and address with communications addressed to the  
Editor, not for publication, but as evidence of good  
faith.

All letters for publication should be written on  
one side of the paper only.

Advertisements and Subscriptions which are not  
referred for a fixed period will be continued until  
otherwise directed.

Orders for extra copies of the Daily Press should  
be sent before 11 a.m. on the day of publication.  
Uter that hour the supply is limited.

LATEST TELEGRAMS.

LONDON, 15th March.

THE WAR IN THE SUDAN.

Despatches from Suakin estimate the British  
loss in the recent battle from 110 to 160

men wounded, and that of the enemy at

4,500 to 5,000.

THE FRENCH IN THE RED SEA.

It is announced that the French Government  
have resolved to exercise sovereignty over Obok  
in the Red Sea.

Obok is a port of the African coast situated  
at 11° 12' S. 55° 58' E., and long 43° 27' W.

Ear. Capt. Capo Bas in the Gulf of Aden,  
and almost opposite that port. It belongs to  
the country called Afar, a small territory  
lying between Abyssinia and the coast. We  
note that the port is marked in Keith  
Johnson's latest map of Africa as French.  
We do not, however, remember hearing of the  
place having been annexed by France.—ED. D.

The P. and O. steamer *Melville* cannot leave  
with the homeward mail until to-morrow at noon.

We understand that Mr. J. P. A. Costa has  
succeeded his brother the late Mr. P. A. da  
Costa as captain of the Victoria Schol.

The M. M. steamer *Natal*, with the next  
outward French and Australian mails, left  
Singapore on Sunday at daylight for this port.

The U. S. steamer *Richmond* was to leave  
Shanghai on the 14th instant for Hongkong,  
when Admiral Davis will transfer his flag  
to the Trenton.

In consequence of the postponement of the  
return of the English mail to Wednesday at  
noon, the *China Overland Trade Report* will not  
be published until this evening.

The programme of the first performance of  
the Chinese Opera, anticipating the re-opening  
of the *Shanghai Opera House*, will be as  
follows:—

1. *Wu* (Red).—Open to girls and boys from 9 to 12; first prize, fan; second, book.

2. *Wu* (Blue).—Open to girls and boys from 13 to 16; first prize, fan; second, book.

3. *Wu* (Yellow).—Open to girls and boys from 17 to 20; first prize, fan; second, book.

4. *Wu* (Green).—Open to girls and boys from 21 to 24; first prize, fan; second, book.

5. *Wu* (White).—Open to girls and boys from 25 to 28; first prize, fan; second, book.

6. *Wu* (Black).—Open to girls and boys from 29 to 32; first prize, fan; second, book.

7. *Wu* (Purple).—Open to girls and boys from 33 to 36; first prize, fan; second, book.

8. *Wu* (Brown).—Open to



## EXTRACTS.

## THE SONG OF THE DISTAFF.

Spin, spin for this own two bright  
The distaff take of the ribbon white;  
Spin, spin, with devotion true  
As I humbly pray, his pearly vest,  
Whose hands shall join you in wedlock blest.

THE distaff take of the ribbon green;  
Spin, spin, with a fawn's coat,  
The cloth, where stores of us then will throng,  
To drink, and to raise the nuptial song.

THE distaff take of the ribbon grey;  
Spin, spin the broad cravat gay  
For bridal chamber and nuptial bower,  
Dear Love's reflection, and Virtue's bower.

THE distaff take of the ribbon of gold;  
Spin, spin, with a pride naut,  
Weaving small robes with maternal joy,  
And swathing-bands for the first bright boy.

THE distaff take of the ribbon red;  
Spin, spin of the dairiest thread  
A kerchief fair, thy leaves to keep,  
And dry thine eyes when thou fain wouldst weep.

THE distaff take of the ribbon black;  
Spin, spin, are thy powers sleek,  
The winding-shoot that must one day win,  
Which one of us here will enwrap thou.

G. P. GRANTHAM, in Notes and Queries.

## A QUICK-HANDED PARSON.

It was in the Carolina backwoods, a country couple and a son, who had finished the ceremony he said—“An’ Ioun’uns who God have joined—“Stop there, parson,” said the groom “don’t say them ‘uns—“says these ‘uns.” “John,” said the parson, “I took you at school, and I say the ‘uns—“ “These ‘uns” shouted the groom, drawing his pistol. The son, strong the movement, fled through his surprise, and the groom dropped dead, winging the parson as he went down. There was a lively fusillade of, perhaps, thirty shots. When the smoke cleared, half a dozen men were on the floor. The bride, peeping over the pulpit, to which she had fled for refuge, gazed mournfully on the scene, and said—“Then a self-seeking pistol is a playin’ with my prospects.”—*Durango Herald*.

## A RELIC OF DICKENS.

A popular song says that there is an “old curio shop” in Fetter Lane, to which Dickens used to be a frequent visitor. The old lady who keeps it, and who had at that time a circulating library as well as a collection of odds and ends, says that he spent a great deal of his leisure time there reading the current literature of the day, as it appeared. She faithfully preserves a favourite chair of his, also a volume of the “Red River,” which one day, in a passion, Dickens pitched at another customer’s head. The customer had dared to abuse the author, who was defended by Dickens. On the other’s saying “he’d like to punch Cooper’s head,” Dickens finished the argument by trying to knock him down with the volume.—*Echo*.

## A WHITE RAINBOW.

Mr. CORNU, the French astronomer, has observed the very rare phenomenon of a white rainbow, or *arc d’âlon*, and communicated his observations to the French Academy of Sciences. The phenomenon was seen on the morning of November 28 last year at Courtenay (Loire), France, about 9.45 a.m., Paris time. The sun, which was very pale, rose in the midst of level bands of cloud. A thick bear frost covered the ground, and the light for thinly veiled the sky, which was clear of clouds towards the zenith. Opposite the sun a great white arc or rainbow was figured—on the fog, and had no trace of iridescence, like an ordinary rainbow or halo. Its appearance recalled to M. CORNU the smoke crowns made with phosphorescent hydro-gas. The apparent altitude of the summit of the bow was 23 deg. 26 min., the apparent span 80 deg., and the height of the sun at the time was about 17 deg. 34 min.

## CHILDREN’S PARTIES IN WINTER.

Dr. Cullimore, of North-West London Hospital, has written to the *Evening Standard* what we conceive to be a very sensible letter, pointing out the perils which beset children’s parties in winter. The subject is one which may well receive the thoughtful attention of parents and all who are solicitous for the welfare of the young. Dr. Cullimore’s principal objections, which are based on physical grounds chiefly, are urged for the benefit of children under seven years of age. We would extend the prohibition to twelve, or even a little later. It is impossible not to recognise that the so called “pleasure” of a child’s party involves a very large measure of evil; so that, apart from the exposure to the chances of “chill” and improper food and drink on the occasion, there is an amount of wear and tear and waste attending these parties which ought to be estimated, and the estimate can scarcely be a low one. It may seem ungracious to strive to put a limit on the pleasures of the young, but it must not be forgotten that early youth is the period of growth and development, and that anything and everything that causes special waste of organised material without a compensatory stimulus to nutrition ought to be avoided. Dr. Cullimore has dealt with the general effects on health, and he has not exaggerated the evils that sometimes ensue, and are always likely to be entailed by this form of juvenile amusement. We turn from these to the mental and nerve injuries inflicted on the growing organism. They are certainly not to be disregarded. A perfect storm of excitements in the little brain from the moment the invitation has been received, and the affair is talked about in the nursery until the evening. Sleep is disturbed by dreams, or, in some cases, prevented by thinking of the occasion, and afterwards the excitement does not subside until days have elapsed, perhaps not before another invitation is received. Not only in winter, but at all seasons, we think the amusements of young children ought to be simple, unexciting, and as far as possible from the characteristics of the “pleasures” of later years. As a matter of fact, “children’s parties” are in no way necessary to the happiness of child life.—*Lancet*.

## GHOST HUNTING.

This Age of Revivals has, perhaps, deserved its title as much for the revivification of ghosts and superstitions as for anything else. It must be a very encouraging thought for the Society for Psychical Research that hardly a lady or gentleman of three centuries ago would have been qualified in every respect to be a member of their “Haunted Houses Committee.” Not to have retrospective knowledge during all the time is something after all. It is better to be left behind like a small than to go backwards like a crab, and the Society for Psychical Research supplies a gap in modern civilisation after all. It performs the function of a landmark, by looking back to which each wayfarer on the path of knowledge can calculate the distance which he has travelled from our common starting point of childish superstition. Another want is also supplied by the existence of this society. Were it not for the existence of some such control body, there would be no encouragement for a hardworking ghost in a distant part of the frightened at—*Q. G.*

country to endeavour to attract attention. As it is, however, there is a ready market for ghosts, hobgoblins, and hallucinations of all kinds; and, so long as the demand exists, the supply will never be deficient. But in these cases the ghost-seer is not always the mere jester of the ghost-hunter, finding his sole employment and encouragement in collecting facts, figures, and details about his own private and particular ghost for the Society for Ghost Hunting. Of the two, the ghost-seer is by far the more ancient bird, and his revivification at the present moment is doubtless intimately acquainted with the general revival of other old world things and thoughts, evidenced by our numerous “quoncertances” in particular, and aestheticism in general. Comets, too, and earthquakes, to say nothing of abnormal sunsets, with their red skies and green moons, false prophets and white elephants—all these have been very brisk of late; and though, like ghosts, they have on and off lost much of their pristine and supernatural value, they combine, nevertheless, to suggest a certain spice of marvellousness in current events, which makes the existence of a society for discussing and dispelling with a friendly hand the “Truth about Ghosts” appear a very natural fact indeed.

Nor is there much excuse for idleness just now. At this season of the year, when the nights are long and the evenings misty, rural districts are always profligate in ghosts and the passing winter has been even more fruitful than ordinary. A short while ago Emma Davies, of Weston-super-Mare, daily filled a considerable paragraph in the London newspaper with her uncanny proceedings, and long after the general public had made up their minds that Emma Davies was a fraud, and a very clumsy fraud at that, the Society of Psychical Research and the *Mediums and Daybreak* were searching for “facts” among the debris of her narratives. Emma Davies, it may be remembered, was a young person in whose vicinity no furniture, however staid, and old, and rickety, could keep still. When she entered a room saucypanes leaped off the fire, hot pieces of gold barbarded the baby’s cradle and burnt the baby. The table kicked a neighbour in the eye; while books, clocks, and crockery kept up a brisk target practice at other neighbours through the window. Upon subsequent impartial investigation these extraordinary removals of furniture without packing resolved themselves apparently into a little legerdemain on the part of Emma Davies, and a good deal of the King’s Coronation, who was sued for damages, was a fraud.

Since then, however, mysterious occurrences have occurred monotonously. Now it is the brother of a murdered man who sees the murderer in a dream, and identifies him on the strength of it. Now it is a soldier in the Hampshire Regiment who dies suddenly in obedience to his own impatience. “Red River,” which one day, in a passion, Dickens pitched at another customer’s head. The customer had dared to abuse the author, who was defended by Dickens. On the other’s saying “he’d like to punch Cooper’s head,” Dickens finished the argument by trying to knock him down with the volume.—*Echo*.

## THE KING OF THE TRAMPS.

Distinguished monarchs always command my sympathy. Last week Geo. Scott, “the king of the tramps,” was charged with beggary at Pickering. He had on four coats and two coats attached to one coat were two rings and a thimble, denoting his Royal dignity, and on another were 75 buttons, indicating his age. In his possession was a very large, and varied assortment of buttons, including some belonging to various police forces and those of most foreign countries and also a wooden spoon, which appeared to be a souvenir of Durban Jail. I am glad to see that this interesting individual was discharged with a caution, for I cannot help thinking that he sets a very good example to other crownheads by the simple and inexpensive nature of his regalia and robes of office.—*Truth*

## HONGKONG MARKETS.

AS REPORTED BY CHAMBERS ON THE 17TH MARCH, 1884.

**COTTON GOODS.**  
American Drills, 30 yards, per piece..... \$23.00 to \$3.00  
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Cotton Drills, No. 14 to 22, per 400 lbs. \$23.00 to 105.00  
Cotton Yarn, No. 31 to 33, per 400 lbs. \$112.00 to 110.50  
Cotton Yarn, Bombari..... \$7.00 to 10.00  
Chata, per piece..... \$1.70 to 1.75

Dyed Spotted Shirting, per piece..... \$3.60 to \$1.10  
Dyed Damask Shirting, per piece..... \$3.50 to 5.00  
English Drills, 30 yards, per piece..... \$2.35 to 2.45  
English Drills, 15 lbs., per piece..... \$2.35 to 2.80  
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